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SUB: DRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS IRAN

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1. NORTH VIET-NAM'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH HAS COMPLETED BRIEF VISIT TO IRAN DURING WHICH HE HAD AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AND MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. VISIT BY THACH, WHO WAS BILLED AS "SPECIAL ENVOY OF DRV PRESIDENT," APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY OF GOODWILL VARIETY. MFA HEAD OF ASIAN AFFAIRS AKHAVAN DENIED PRESS SPECULATION THAT RESIDENT AMBASSADORS WERE ABOUT TO BE EXCHANGED AND THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO EXCHANGE VIETNAMESE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR IRANIAN MANUFACTURED GOODS. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF EXPANDED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, AKHAVAN SAID, BUT NOTHING DEFINITE WAS DECIDED.

2. PRIMIN HOVEYDA TOLD DCM JANUARY 21 THAT VISIT BY SOPHISTICATED, FRENCH-EUDCATED THACH HAD BEEN LIKE A LOVE-IN. WHEN HOVEYDA ASKED HOW VIETNAMESE FELT ABOUT UNITED STATES THESE DAYS, THACH REPLIED, "ALL THOSE DIFFICULTIES ARE BEHIND US NOW AND WE HAVE TO LOOK TO FUTURE." EXPRESSED VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL MATTERS HAD BEEN SO SIMILAR THAT HOVEYDA FINALLY ASKED THACH IN MOCK EXASPERATION IF THEY COULD NOT FIND SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT TO DISAGREE ON.

3. AFTER ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, IRAN RADIO REPORTED IRAN WOULD PROVIDE OIL TO DRV, BUT NO DETAILS ON AMOUNT, PRICE OR CONDITIONS WERE GIVEN. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT WITH NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY OFFICIALS AFTER IRANIAN WEEKEND AND OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION.
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